



PROGRAM

The National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) &
The Development District Association of Appalachia (DDAA)

2024 Washington Conference

March 10-13, 2024

The Crystal Gateway Marriott | 1700 Richmond Highway, Arlington Virginia

Sunday, March 10, 2024

NOTE: NADO and DDAA board members and advisory committee members are asked to participate in pre-conference meetings throughout the day on Sunday, March 10. All conference attendees are encouraged to attend the Opening Reception on Sunday evening beginning at 5:30 p.m. ET. DDAA members are invited to attend the DDAA Dinner Banquet that follows at 6:30 p.m. ET.

10:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Registration – All attendees

Arlington Foyer

10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

NADO Research Foundation Advisory Committee Meeting – NADO Research Foundation Advisory Committee members

12:00-2:00 p.m.

NADO Executive Committee Meeting – NADO Executive Committee members

1:00-3:00 p.m.

DDAA Board of Directors Meeting – DDAA Board of Directors

3:30-5:30 p.m.

NADO Board of Directors Meeting – NADO Board of Directors

5:30-6:30 p.m.

Opening Reception – All attendees

6:30-8:00 p.m.

DDAA Dinner Banquet – DDAA members

*Agenda is subject to change

Monday, March 11, 2024

NOTE: Concurrent breakout sessions on Monday are open to all participants, including both NADO and DDAA members. The “NADO track,” “DDAA track,” and “Joint track” labels denote which attendees may find the session content most relevant, but all attendees are welcome.

7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Registration – All attendees

Arlington Foyer

7:45-9:00 a.m.

DDAA Breakfast and Annual Business Meeting – DDAA members

9:15-10:30 a.m.

Opening Plenary Session - All attendees

10:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Concurrent Breakout Sessions (A, B, C, D)

12:15-1:30 p.m.

Plenary Luncheon – All attendees

1:45-3:00 p.m.

Concurrent Breakout Sessions (A, B, C, D)

3:30-4:30 p.m.

Regional Chapter Meetings - NADO and DDAA members

4:30-6:00 p.m.

Federal Stakeholders Networking Reception – All attendees

This reception provides an opportunity for federal agency staff and leadership and other national stakeholder organizations to interact with NADO and DDAA members.

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

NOTE: NADO attendees are encouraged to participate in meetings on Capitol Hill on Tuesday, March 12. For those attendees who do not plan to attend Hill meetings, additional conference content is offered at the conference venue throughout the day.

7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Arlington Foyer

Registration – All attendees

7:45-9:00 a.m.

DDAA Breakfast: DDAA members

9:15-10:15 a.m.

Plenary Session – All attendees

10:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Capitol Hill Meetings (on your own) - NADO track

NOTE: Attendees are encouraged to spend this open block of time on Capitol Hill educating your members of Congress about your work. Hill meetings are self-directed. If you need help securing contact information for Hill staffers and schedulers, please contact Jamie McCormick at jmccormick@nado.org.

10:30-11:45 a.m.

Concurrent Breakout Sessions (A and B): DDAA track

11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m.

Lunch on your own

1:30-2:45 p.m.

Concurrent Breakout Sessions (A and B): DDAA track

4:30-6:00 p.m.

Reception – All attendees

Wednesday, March 13, 2024

NOTE: Conference content for the NADO & DDAA joint conference concludes at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 13. Following the conference, there is a special post-conference training for the Economic Development District (EDD) Community of Practice (CoP). This post-conference training session is free, but separate registration is required.

8:00-10:00 a.m.

Arlington Foyer

Registration – *All attendees*

8:30-9:45 a.m.

Plenary Breakfast – *All attendees*

10:00-11:00 a.m.

Closing Plenary Session – *All attendees*

11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

An Afternoon with the Districts – *Post-conference training. Separate registration is required. “An Afternoon with the District” is an annual interactive half-day training and networking event for EDD staff hosted by the NADO Research Foundation (NADO RF). Scheduled for March 13 from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the conference hotel, this year’s gathering will focus on data and metrics, and will include training and conversations on how EDDs can best incorporate data into their CEDS and other regional planning efforts. This event is delivered through the Economic Development District Community of Practice, managed by NADO RF and funded by US EDA. A draft agenda and registration information will be available in January. This event is free to attend, but separate registration will be required. Contact Brett Schwartz at bschwartz@nado.org with any questions.*